

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS**

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1090  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2021**

**Biodiesel production in the country**

**1090. SHRI BIKASH RANJAN BHATTACHARYYA:**

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) how many biodiesel production units are functioning in the country;
- (b) how much is the production capacity of biodiesel plants in the country; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government for promoting/ increasing domestic production of biodiesel or other alternative products to petrol and diesel?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM &  
NATURAL GAS  
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)**

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(a) to (c): “Guidelines for sale of Biodiesel for blending with high speed diesel for transportation purposes-2019” have been issued by Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas vide Gazette Notification dated 30.04.2019. As per the Notification to avoid entry of unscrupulous biodiesel suppliers, a suitable registration system for biodiesel manufactures, suppliers and sellers will be devised at the State/UT Level.

Government has notified the National Policy on Biofuels – 2018 on 04<sup>th</sup> June, 2018. This policy has laid out indicative targets of achieving 20% blending of ethanol in petrol and 5% blending of biodiesel in diesel by 2030 in the country.

Over the last decade, Government has undertaken multiple interventions to promote biofuels in the Country through structured programmes like Ethanol Blended Petrol Programme, National Biodiesel Mission, Bio-diesel Blending Programme. Learning from the past experiences and demand supply status, Government has revamped these programmes by taking steps on pricing, incentives, opening alternate route for ethanol production, sale of biodiesel to bulk and retail customers, focus on R&D etc. These steps have impacted the biofuels programme in the country positively.

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